



AMS Assembly Minutes

*Meeting of Thursday November 27th, 2014
McLaughlin Room, JDUC*

Minutes are tentative until approved by the Assembly.

Attending:

AMS Executive - AMS President Allison Williams, Vice-President Operations Justin Reekie, Vice-President University Affairs Philip Lloyd

AMS Council - Academic Affairs Commissioner Colin Zarzour, Commissioner of the Environment & Sustainability Leah Kelley, Commissioner of Internal Affairs Claire Cathro, Municipal Affairs Commissioner Ariel Aguilar, Social Issues Commissioner Emily Wong, Campus Services Director Kanivanan Chinniah, Hospitality and Safety Services Director Alex Marshall, Retail and Design Services Director Dylan Trebels.

Aesculapian Society – Proxy for President Jonathan Cluett, Representative Alessia Gallipoli, Representative Zain Siddiqui

Arts & Science Undergraduate Society – Vice-President Blake Butler, ASUS Representative Steven Patterson, Proxy for Representative Forrest Donaldson, Representative Jason Verbeek,



Commerce Society –President Kyle Beaudry, Proxy for VP External Dipesh Mistry, VP Internal Betty Lu, Representative Bhavik Vyas, Representative Christina Peric

Concurrent Education Students' Association - President Abbey Cressman, Representative Dante Motillo, Proxy for Representative Ellise Truong, Representative Adrian Chan.

Computing Students' Association – Proxy for President Erin Gallagher, Representative Vinith Suriyakumar.

Engineering Society –President Carolyn Fisher, Vice-President Student Affairs Alex Savides (Speaker), Representative Dylan Braam, Representative Jerry Haron, Representative Peter Liberty, Representative Chloe Harkness

MBA Students Society –

Nursing Science Society – President Alexandra Palmeri, Vice-President Arryana Carkner

PHEKSA – President Jacob Bonafiglia, Vice-President University Affairs Mario Rotundo, Representative Matthew Nelms, Representative Kat Telford,

Residence Society – President Nathan Utioh, Proxy Kisook Yoo

Ex-Officios – Board of Directors Chair Tuba Chishti, Student Senate Caucus Chair Eric Rapos,

Regrets:

Campus Activities Commissioner Michele Charlton, Aesculapian President Jonathan Cluett, ASUS President Adam Grotsky, ASUS Representative Rebecca Wieschkowski, ASUS Representative Andrew DiCapua, ASUS Representative Quinn Giordano, ASUS Representative Tamarra Wallace, ASUS Representative Forrest Donaldson, ASUS Representative Liam Dowling, COMPSA President Erin Gallagher, COMPSA Vice-President Christina Chan, CESA Representative Ellise Truong, ComSoc VP External Dipesh Mistry, Residence Society Representative Brittney Whallen, Undergraduate Student Trustee Andrew Aulthouse, Rector Mike Young

Assembly commences at 7:05 pm.

Speaker Alex Savides (hereafter referred to as **Speaker**): Welcome, everyone who is a voting member please stand up, that is, all those who are not a proxy.



1. Approval of the Agenda for the meeting of January 15th, 2015

Moved by: Claire Cathro

Seconded by: Phillip Lloyd

Vice-President Lloyd: I want to add discussion topic CBW discussion before commissioner interviews.

Representative Braam: I wish to add a new motion. It will be motion 14 motion L?

Speaker: Anyone else want to add stuff? Seeing none.

Motion (1) carries

2. Approval of the minutes for the meeting of December

MOTION 2: That AMS Assembly approve the minutes for the Assembly meeting of November 27th, 2014

Moved by: Claire Cathro

Seconded by: Phillip Lloyd

Motion (2) carries

3. Speakers business

Speaker: I'm not Chris it's Alex! Also Claire isn't here for the first half hour. Please bear with me!

Vice-President Lloyd: Great pleasure to introduce this guest speaker. Vice Provost. Here to talk about experiential learning.

4. Guest Speaker:

a. Ann Tierney

Speaker: Next we have Allison and Troy to discuss the JDUC Long Term Plan.

b. Alison Williams & Troy Sherman



Representative Braam: Will there actually be plans to build a hockey rink on campus?

President Williams: If you look at the campus master plan, it's supposed to be around West Campus. I'm not sure where it ranks with items for the near future.

Representative Braam: With more student space in the JDUC what would happen with athletic space?

President Williams :(follow up) There still would be athletic space (in the PEC), we will consult with students. Whether it be student life space or athletic space.

Member at Large Sherman: We are looking at this a precinct project trying to connect student life on campus.

President Cressman: Is there any focus on the bunker area?

President Williams: We don't have a very clear idea of how the rooms will be booked. It will come from our consultation. It will be, to my understanding, bookable rooms.

Member-At-Large Blair: Could you explain the connection with campus master plan?

President Williams: Our entire plan is like the "Russian doll" explanation. Just to make sure this could fold into the student life space plan. It's all in that plan.

5. Presidents Report

President Williams: Nothing to report

6. Vice-Presidents Report

Vice-President Reekie: I sent out the motion, please let me know if it sent.

Vice-President Lloyd: Just one thing to add, a plug from Meg Monteith, that council applications are available Monday and due February second. We encourage you to apply, there's a lot to learn.

7. Board of Directors Report



Chair Chishti: Nothing to report

8. Senator's Report

Senator Rapos: Nothing to add

9. Rector's Report

Rector Young: *(not present)*

10. Board of Trustee's Report

Trustee Aulhouse: *(not present)*

11. Statements by Members

President Utioh: For everyone, first year applications are due February 5th at 4pm.

Commissioner Cathro: Sorry for my lateness. Club winter grants are due within the coming weeks, we have another \$15,000 to give in grants. Please remind people to apply.

President Palmeri: NSS is hiring a new speaker so please check your emails!

12. Question Period

13. New Business

MOTION 3: That AMS Assembly approve creation of the Assistant Clubs Manager position, the proposed increase in the hours worked by the Clubs Manager and accompanying amendments to AMS Policy Manual 2 as seen in Appendix A: Clubs Office Reform

Moved by: Claire Cathro

Seconded by: Phillip Lloyd

Commissioner Cathro: They can be found at the end of the appendix (the changes). It goes through some of the issues we highlighted with the clubs office and the steps taken to address those issues and how to cement those changes moving forward. We're closing with insurance and worked closely with Justin during the auditing process.

Vice-President Lloyd: One comment I want to highlight- we had a very lively discussion about making sure we had the finance for this position.

Motion (3) carries

For: all

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION 4: That AMS Assembly approve the addition to AMS Policy Manual 2, Section 8 as seen in Appendix B: CES Room of Requirement Committee Policy

Moved by: Leah Kelley

Seconded by: Phillip Lloyd

Commissioner Kelley: Basically, we created a room of requirement committee. The room of requirement is a place in the JDUC where students can drop off things for students to use to reduce waste on campus. This room is vastly underutilized. We started a committee to help market and organize the room, and collect donations. And come up with ideas on how to keep getting donations. This policy outlines their mandates, hiring policy, and responsibilities. Happy to answer any questions or concerns.

Representative Liberty: Is there anything in place to protect people from taking stuff and selling it?

Commissioner Kelley: I guess not, but it's generally not overly expensive things. There are a few things that are worth too much money. To answer your question, no.

Motion (4) carries

For: all

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION 5: That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2015 Winter Referendum ballot (as seen in Appendix C: Winter Referendum): Do you agree to the establishment of a \$0.08 fee (subject to individual opt-out) to support the Queen's Diabetic Society? [subject to fulfillment of nomination requirements]

Moved by: Claire Cathro

Seconded by: Justin Reekie

Commissioner Cathro: The process of how groups get to this: There is a validation date by which each group has to hand in with questions and what they do with the fee, proposal of how they will spend it, and a budget. Justin and I look at their budget, what they do on campus, and how they're using the budget, no rollover, no money going directly to charity. We look closely at their budget and what's in the 300 word statement they submit. Once groups get approved by Justin and I, they go to nomination period where they need to get 800 signatures, and the Elections Team checks them over. The role of Assembly is not to look at whether the fees are eligible because Justin and I have already done this, but more about whether Justin and I have done our job correctly. I think all of the groups are present so I'll pass my speaking rights to groups to introduce themselves.

Queen's Diabetic Society Member-At-Large: We're a new club on campus, our goal is to connect with people with type 1 diabetes and those interested. We also aim to connect to students with social gatherings and connect them to the community with speaking events as well.

Motion (5) carries

For: all

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION 6: That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2015 Winter Referendum ballot: Do you agree to the establishment of a \$0.50 fee (subject to individual opt-out) to support MUSE magazine? [subject to nomination requirements]

Moved by: Claire Cathro

Seconded by: Justin Reekie

Member-At-Large: MUSE is a student creativity magazine on campus. We try to create a space where students can publish anything and create a connection with the Kinston community. We try to give this magazine for free as well.

President Siddiqui: Do you have an idea of how many readers you have?

MUSE Member-At-Large: 20,000 online subscribers, 600 twitter followers, 400 instagram etc.

Motion (6) carries

For: all

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION 7: That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2015 Winter Referendum ballot: Do you agree to the establishment of a \$0.59 fee (subject to individual opt-out) to support the Queen's Sustainability Conference? [subject to fulfillment of nomination requirements]

Moved by: Claire Cathro

Seconded by: Justin Reekie

Member-At-Large: The aim is to bring students from all faculties we have partnered with PPS to collect data. We are also aiming to get speakers to students can have access to diverse issues on campus. We want the conferences to be more affordable and to provide bursaries.

Representative Liberty: Is this the first year of this conference? How many people are expected?

Queen's Sustainability Conference Member-At-Large: About 100

Motion (7) carries

For: all

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION 8: That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2015 Winter Referendum ballot: Do you agree to an increase in the Engineers Without Borders Fee (subject to individual opt-out) from \$0.75 to \$1.25, an increase of \$0.50. [subject to fulfillment of nomination requirements]

Moved by: Claire Cathro

Seconded by: Justin Reekie

Member-At-Large: We're about poverty alleviation. We are trying to create more responsible engineering.

Motion (8) carries

For: all
Against: 0
Abstentions: 0

MOTION 9: That AMS assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2015 Winter Referendum ballot: Do you agree to the establishment of a \$0.35 fee (subject to individual opt-out) to support Talking About Mental Illness (TAMI)? [subject to fulfillment of nomination requirements]

Moved by: Claire Cathro
Seconded by: Justin Reekie

Member-At-Large: We're a program that's currently at providence care. We want to give students the chance to be speakers in the community. This is therapeutic for students. They can speak in both secondary or post secondary schools. We also have a website.

Motion (9) carries
For: all
Against: 0
Abstentions: 0

MOTION 11: That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following plebiscite question to the 2015 Winter Referendum ballot: Do you agree to having the AMS express its support for divestment of Queen's University Pooled Endowment Fund from fossil fuel operations on the basis of social injury? [subject to fulfillment of nomination requirements]

Moved by: Claire Cathro
Seconded by: Justin Reekie

Commissioner Cathro: Assembly cannot fundamentally change the question however they can make changes to make sure it is clearly stated and to make sure it's not a leading question.

Commissioner Kelley: Some background on QBACC : This committee is investigating policy on investment in fossil fuels and social injury. We also have a financial committee looking into this. With this committee my concern is that I feel it puts us right into step 5, the AMS is to explicitly support divestment at Queen's. We need to become a little bit more informed before jumping to that step. Shifting focus so it's more specific to divestment. The rewording I am proposing is: "Do you agree to having the AMS assess the

feasibility of divestment from fossil fuels for it's Restricted Funds portfolio and the Queen's University Pooled Endowment Fund on the basis of social injury"

Chair Chishti: (A statement) First thing is regarding the AMS, Financial Ethics Committee does advise the Board of Directors so it has tangible teeth. If anyone has any thoughts or know any QBACC reps. QBAAC in November submitted a petition with concerns to the principle who has struck a committee to look into possibility of divestment. We're meeting next week, looking whether or not fossil fuel does count as social injury.

Speaker: Just to go back to Commissioner Kelley, we'll have you propose your changes as a formal amendment

Commissioner Cathro: (on amendment) Not friendly for the sake of debate.

Speaker: Now debating amendment to original motion: *"Do you agree to having the AMS assess the feasibility of divestment from fossil fuels for it's Restricted Funds portfolio and the Queen's University Pooled Endowment Fund on the basis of social injury"*

Vice-President Reekie: I'm very in favor of this amendment. Just an overview: we tend to invest in less risky stocks recognizing that our funds are away from our operating funds. Typically it means were investing in government related stocks. Looking more into investment into the companies. More investing in companies than investing in "X". Happy to take questions.

Speaker: Any more debate on amendment?

Representative Braam: I feel like the first wording is - should we divest? And the second wording is like: should we consider? They are two fundamentally different things. Voters are telling us to do something versus considering to do something. This is a substantive. I would say this is not an appropriate change of wording.

Speaker: So just a clarification, we can change the original wording if we think the question poses a threat to the AMS. Let's get a straw pole, do you think the motion as written is a threat, we could entertain changing the motion in a particular way. We'll entertain a few more points on debate.

Vice-President Butler: (POI) For example the original motion, if we want to make a substantive change, we only do it if the original motion would pose a threat.

Representative Braam: (POPP) Does that mean you rule it was a substantive change? What are we debating? Either we decide its not a major change or if it's not.

Speaker: We should debate whether or not this motion in its original form poses a threat to this society.

Vice-President Reekie: Looking at the original, this would be an extreme threat to our finances. It is student money being directly invested and I would rather look at it responsibly as opposed to looking at this irresponsibly without professional opinion.

Vice-President Lloyd: I move for a recess.

Moved by: Phillip Lloyd

Seconded by: Blake Butler

Assembly reconvenes.

Speaker: Every voting member who is not a proxy please stand up.

Member-At-Large Lively: Sorry everyone, there was a miscommunication. Queen's Backing Action on Climate Change did not fulfill requirements, therefore this motion is out of order and should not have been on the ballot in the first place. I would like to point out that Assembly does have the power to place a plebiscite question directly on the ballot.

Commissioner Cathro: Sorry for the confusion, the group did pick up a package but they didn't get the signatures. We can get rid of the question outright as they didn't fulfill the nomination requirements. However we can add a new motion which would be a plebiscite question.

Vice-President Lloyd: Given that information, I move to open agenda

Moved by: Phillip Lloyd

Seconded by: Abbey Cressman

Motion carries

For: all

Against: 0

Vice-President Lloyd: I move to remove Motion 10

Moved by: Phillip Lloyd
Seconded by: Peter Liberty

Motion carries

For: 32

Against: 1

Speaker: Motion 10 has been stricken.

Commissioner Kelley: I would like to add a motion to propose a new plebiscite question:
"Do you agree to having the AMS assess the feasibility of divestment from fossil fuels for it's Restricted Funds portfolio and the Queen's University Pooled Endowment Fund on the basis of social injury"

Moved by: Commissioner Kelley

Seconded by: Vice President Lloyd

Speaker: I will make that motion 10A.

Motion carries. (Motion 10A is added)

For: 29

Against: 4

Vice-President Butler: I motion to close agenda

Moved by: Blake Butler

Seconded by: Phillip Lloyd

Motion carries

For: all

Against: 0

MOTION 10A: That AMS Assembly approve the addition of the following question to the 2015 Winter Referendum ballot: *"Do you agree to having the AMS assess the feasibility of divestment from fossil fuels for it's Restricted Funds portfolio and the Queen's University Pooled Endowment Fund on the basis of social injury"*

Moved by: Commissioner Kelley

Seconded by: Phillip Lloyd

Commissioner Kelley: I do still think it worthwhile to have a discussion in the AMS. This is a movement making its way across the country. Concordia recently made the decision to divest. It's important to see if students are interested in this.

President Williams: The Board of Trustees has already been asking AMS what students think. They are looking for direct feedback from students.

President Weiner: Was the question a referendum question or plebiscite question?

Speaker: Plebiscite question.

Representative Liberty: I'm not sure it's entirely appropriate to ask a question where the group was not eligible. Could you talk about the social injury?

Commissioner Kelley: Social injury is general but from my understanding, when looking at divestment, for example, looking at climate change, should it continue at the pace its at...for example: changes in weather patterns will affect agriculture which will cause socioeconomic divide.

Member-At-Large Broe: To clarify, Queen's uses the Yale definition of social injury is defined as "the injurious impact which the activities of a company are found to have on consumers, employees, or other persons, particularly including activities which violate, or frustrate, the enforcement of, rules of domestic or international law intended to protect individuals against deprivation of health, safety, or basic freedoms; for the purposes of these Guidelines, social injury shall not consist of doing business with other companies which are themselves engaged in socially injurious activities."

(<http://www.Queen'su.ca/secretariat/policies/senateandtrustees/Investing.pdf>)

Chair Chishti: "On the basis of social injury" is also the exact wording that the committee is looking at. I would encourage assembly to consider, it's very hard to vote no to social injury, it's a very leading question. I want strong mandate from students. Maybe there's a better term that's easier for students to understand and is less strong as a term.

Vice-President Lu: I want to make sure everyone knows there's millions of dollars in the endowment fund so this is a big decision. Second of all, from my understanding, this money is also from alumni. I have a question, but in the new motion, which states that we would like the AMS assess that, is that a survey or more research? What does that entail?

Chair Chishti: (POI) There's also pension plan money in the endowment.

Commissioner Kelley: In regards to assessing what feasibility would look like, primarily looking at financial feasibility and what the affect would be and what social benefit would come. Working with funds manager.

Member-At-Large: Some clarification?

Commissioner Kelley: In regards to that, we could change on the basis of environmental impact. That is one potential rewording I would suggest.

Vice-President Lloyd: We're thinking too much into the question. This is step one of a multi-step process. This is just helping to get the process started. Just looking at feasibility. This question doesn't mean that if we answer "yes" we're just pulling out of everything, we are nowhere close to that. I would like to propose, in order to avoid confusion, in order to get rid of "on the basis of social injury".

Moved by: Philip Lloyd

Seconded by: (?)

Commissioner Kelley: Friendly

Speaker: So we would remove "on the basis of social injury".

Director Trebels: Just to bring up, its very information heavy piece, I don't know that plebiscite question is best for this although there can't be campaigning. Is the student going to know the difference? There could be better venues for this, maybe a plebiscite question might not be a good idea for such an information heavy piece.

Commissioner Cathro: It is possible for there to be an informational campaign on the pros and cons on either side to provide basic information, the campaigning cannot be explicitly for or against.

Representative Braam: A plebiscite is non-binding. We are not the only people to decide what happens. I do disagree the fact that we are putting this forward as a plebiscite question. A similar question failed, which means we do not have 5% of students to put this forward.

Commissioner Cathro: The AMS can put the question directly on the ballot. I think what the exec and commissioner Kelley are arguing is that this is a worthwhile question to be asking to all students and as such it is being requested that Assembly place that question directly on the ballot regardless of the previous motion that came before.

(Commissioner Aguilar's speaking rights passed to) **Commissioner Kelley:** I did want to reiterate Williams point is that we were approached by a Board of Trustees member to look for support. I do feel this is a good plebiscite question to ask but also to see if students want to look into this further.

President Wiener: I think, although I'm not sure, the university is looking too with their investment fund. Also this came up with the SGPS last year, requesting the Board of Trustees to examine the feasibility of divesting. The university is currently doing that. You also may want to look at the question, there appears to be two questions, one is for the AMS funds the other is for the University's funds, potentially could be confusing for students.

Chair Chishti: It's for the endowment

Motion 10B carries

For: 26

Against: 5

Abstentions: 2

Vice President Butler: I move to open agenda

Moved by: Blake Butler

Seconded by: Steven Patterson

Motion carries

For: all

Against: 0

Vice-President Butler: I motion to omnibus motions 11 and 12

Moved by: Blake Butler

Seconded by: Alexandra Palmeri

Motion carries

For: all

Against: 0

Vice-President Butler: I motion to close the agenda.

Moved by: Blake Butler

Seconded by: Eric Rapos

Motion carries

For: all

Against: 0

MOTION 11 & 12: That AMS Assembly approve the addition of Jennifer Lee and Michael Blair as candidates on the 2015 Undergraduate Student Trustee ballot.

Moved by: Claire Cathro

Seconded by: Tyler Lively

Commissioner Cathro: Thank you for waiting so long. They both attended the all candidates meeting and fulfilled all requirements.

Vice-President Butler: What do you feel are going to be the most pressing issues you're going to have to bring up /debate on for students in term if elected? Maybe just top two.

Member-At-Large Lee: After discussing with other students, after looking at student framework, would be sustainability.

Member-At-Large Blair: The ability for them to deal with the pension fund issue. We need to ensure sustainability coming forward.

Representative Braam: What do you plan to use with the 0% of the AMS budget you are allocated each year?

Member-At-Large Blair: Thankfully the AMS has infrastructure for us to work responsibility. With that 0% I will use the existing infrastructure to fulfill my duties.

Member-At-Large Lee: There is a great infrastructure set up. Social media and being accessible on campus so students can communicate with the trustee.

President Williams: What mechanisms would you use if any to make sure you're best leveraging your voice to make sure students?

Member-At-Large Lee: I will leverage my voice to build relationships and spend time. I'm going to have to communicate with them and have conversation to make sure student needs are heard.

Member-At-Large Blair: I'd like to join two committees that are very involved in Queen's. My experience collaborating with administrators at Queen's and being a student advocate, I believe that I will leverage those qualities to ensure I am a genuine role model to the trustees so as to actually impact change at the board level.

Speaker: Any debate on this motion?

Motion (11&12) carries.

For: all

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

Member-At-Large Lively (POI): If anyone interesting in engaging with trustees there will be an all candidates meeting next Thursday, please email me or speaker Casher for details.

MOTION 13: That AMS Assembly approve the additions to AMS Policy Manual Section 9, 9.02, : "In the event that only one team meets the nomination requirements, a vote of confidence shall be held.

a) The ballot question shall read "Should [names of candidates here] be elected as President, Vice President Operations and Vice President University Affairs of the Alma Mater Society respectively.

b) The team shall be allowed expenses equal to one half of what they would have been allocated in a contested election

Moved by: Dylan Braam

Seconded by: Peter Liberty

Representative Braam: This does not apply to this year. However, in the last 24 hours, CWB has been acclaimed, many students were unhappy with the decisions. I understand the decision was made by Elections Team. We can get rid of precedent by writing something into policy

Commissioner Cathro: We are definitely acutely aware that this is an issue, that there is nothing in policy around what to do if only one team runs. It would be rash to put this in

tonight. This is a fundamental change to the way we conduct elections. As such it would not be prudent to make a change to the policy without an accompanying change to the constitution which would take two readings. We should be discussing potential wording changes to the policy manual at the same time that the second constitutional reading is passed. Secondly, we do not currently allow a 'non-confidence' vote in the instance that more than one team votes, through spoiling the ballot or abstaining in executive elections. If we were to put this change through for uncontested elections, it would have to be accompanied by a fundamental change to the way we conduct all of our elections. As well, the change proposed is lacking some fundamental detail. It doesn't give a threshold of what constitutes confidence – is that percentage 50%+1 or is it higher, what happens if there is only a certain level of voter turnout? Do we have increasing threshold for confidence if less students vote like we do in the referendum? Furthermore, the policy as proposed has no contingency plan regarding what to do if the vote of confidence fails – is there another election, is the team that ran originally allowed to run again? What is done in the situation that no other team runs? What is the timeline for the second election? Since it is already in AMS policy, if not the constitution, that the executive must be elected before Reading Week, how do these subsequent elections affect that timeline? What are the implications for hiring? As it stands right now, this policy does not have a process or a contingency plan. I do fully recognize a hole exists and it needs to be addressed. There needs to be some thought to go into it and seeing as we have a full year before this policy would be relevant or needed, I would like to propose to lay this motion on the table.

Moved by: Claire Cathro

Seconded by: Steven Patterson.

Motion (13) carries

For: all

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

Discussion Period

Speaker: Discussion with team CBW.

Vice-President Lloyd: I think assembly would benefit from getting to know the acclaimed team.

Member-At-Large Lively: Please also invite your constituencies to the forum next Thursday.

Commissioner Aguilar: When do you anticipate you will release your platform, how will we contact you

Team CWB: Release in 2 to 3 days, before the public forum. You can email us at votebw@gmail.com

President Williams: (POI) They will be getting their incoming emails too.

Vice-President Lloyd: What do you think has been a priority this year that you would like to continue and what priority would you like to not continue

President-Elect Chinniah: We would like to continue the Reunion Street Festival. One thing we think could be better done, we want to live up to the mandate is serving for students and engaging with more students as our campus becomes larger and more diverse.

Chair Chishti: Can you each comment why you are uniquely suited for each roles you're going to hold.

VPOPS-Elect Beaudry: I have a commerce background which would allow me to live up to budgeting and certain tasks. My experience leadership wise will help me

President-Elect Chinniah: We are very humbled that we have been acclaimed. I don't profess to be anywhere near where Williams is, but I think that I have the potential and willingness to learn this role.

VPUA-Elect Wright: I have been fairly heavily involved in the AMS. I've been keeping a careful eye on the issues facing the university, I'm really ready to stand up for students and the traditions we hold dearest.

Vice-President Reekie: What would your big hairy audacious goal be if everyone was on board and you had all the resources?

President-Elect Chinniah: It would be my goal to engage students to focus on issues we deal with in the AMS. It really came down to, it was, how can we get a lot of feedback and

that everyone feels consulted and aware of the problems were tackling. We want to collect as many opinions as possibly. It's about having the AMS fulfill the functions it's supposed to no matter what.

President Palmeri: What was the inspiration behind the three of you coming together for CBW?

President-Elect Chinniah: It's a long process finding a team. It's about finding 3 people who can really work and people you can respect and collaborate with. We come from 3 very different backgrounds. It's all about having trust and mutual respect with each other. We all respect each other's opinions as diverse as they are.

Speaker: There will be further ways to ask questions to team CBW, and they will be getting their incoming emails soon. Thank you for speaking with us and we wish you all the best.

Discussion Topic 2: Commissioner Mid Year Reviews

Vice-President Lloyd: Just a general overview, moving forward what they're going to finish up and what they're going to recommend to their successor to make sure next year is strong as well. Campus Activities will be done two weeks from now. I encourage you to ask questions, they have worked very hard and I am very proud of them.

Commissioner Zarzour: To begin, the central piece is ensuring teaching quality. Last year we saw the publication with this teaching/learning action plan. We have course and program outcomes, but what through your time here can we point to are learning outcomes. Technology in the classroom: I think that technology is a great enabler but its also a wall through which we communicate. What motivates a professor to be a great teacher? We look at cultural beliefs that could prevent a high quality learning experience. Provincial politics, we have several focuses in that area, making sure we have good research and providing health physical and mental and how that fits into the unique community of a university in Ontario. Also making sure we have high representation in university governments. This Sunday at 7 at the underground. A proposal for a shared information collaborate space for programming centered around entrepreneurship. Academic support: academic grievance has much support and we have started collecting data. We intend to release a teacher/student newsletter. Teaching award nominations. It's important to stay engaged with these topics.



Vice-President Butler: With the idea of having smaller study spaces, would there be any thought to working with library master plan?

Commissioner Zarzour: Its' still in its infancy but it's something we can look into.

President Cressman: Could you elaborate on the collective bargaining agreement?

Commissioner Zarzour: It's a collective document, it's a contract between faculty and the administrators. Like union and employees.

President Palmeri: Could you touch base on the training that AGC officers go through?

Commissioner Zarzour: The AGC, we have our own proprietary training for appeal letters and such. For PSC there is much more comprehensive training. The AGC also gets some PSC training. There can be faculty specific oriented training as well. Our officers get better as they go, it's a process.

Commissioner Kelley: Bikes and Boards is the on campus primarily bike shop seen by my commission. It has seen huge increases in success. We ended up having a summer position this year. We had a director working part time to keep the shop open. Last year during the academic year the shop made about 452 dollars and just during the summer they were able to make 3600 dollars. The revenue currently for bikes and boards is almost currently 7500. We have some renovations happening this month as well to further legitimize the business. We've partnered with long board club as well. We did create a website for bikes and boards, were going to do a push to market that website. The sustainable Queen's brand is supposed to be a unify brand for any groups committees individuals at Queen's. We have sustainable Queen's forums which provide a venue for groups working on projects to discuss and collaborate. Sustainability week, we had a lot of different clubs involved. It was very successful. We are bullfrog powering the AMS offices. They support renewable energy and you pay to offset your natural gas usage. We want to promote others that we are supporting renewable energy in Canada. Energy management in JDUC, we've been working on energy management in the student life centre space. We helped with tricolor and we have worked with PPS and SLC to arrange a project to change the lighting. Moving forward, on Tuesday we have the CEO of a consulting group to talk about careers in sustainability. I'm working on the blue dot campaign. We're going to look at replacing lights in the university district to help the safety in the university district.

Commissioner Zarzour: What's one advocacy initiative you would take on if you were CES next year?

Commissioner Kelley: The divestment campaign.

Vice-President Butler: Is there any discussion about going back to bikes instead of Bikes and Boards?

Commissioner Kelley: I'm curious to see how the partnership with long board works. They're not charging students other than the materials. I would like to, for now, stick with bikes and boards.

Commissioner Aguilar: I would like to cover 6 main areas, things like stickers posters, in university district. The committee has been beginning to work. Just today we just launched our project with the school of urban planning and design. For housing, we implemented our website in partnership with padmapper so far we've launched it for 2 months and we've had 1800 users in terms of hits we don't track that. Programs like smart and holiday house check has increased. Elections we have municipal elections, anecdotally, it seems that students did participate in greater numbers. Homecoming and we got that past city council. We also did things like tree planting and clean up. We worked hard with town gown and worked with town neighborhood relations. The committees have all retained volunteer numbers or expanded. HYPE has expanded which has been great, and my deputies have done a great job. We had the west campus debacle over the summer. This December we passed a university scramble. We also had a motion passed through city council to prioritize pedestrian sidewalk clearance for snow removal. It's been a pretty great year, managed to accomplish most things. Advice for my successor: establish a strong team, have great deputies, also it's important to collaborate. Focus on executing your goal plan.

President Utioh: Is there any update on union and division crosswalk?

Commissioner Aguilar: The only way to force cars to stop is to put a stop sign and lights which would require a lot of research. We are waiting for provincial guidelines to come out this year, which means the city could implement these sidewalks by 2016.

Commissioner Wong: It's been a good year for the SIC so far. Typical issues with volunteer management and dealing with space issues. What remains for the rest of year such as gender neutral washroom and equity audit. Both services in SIC were operations

have stabilized. The PSC has seen a huge increase of students utilizing it. Overflow is something we're going to keep our eye on, we are monitoring that. The food bank is going to focus on advertising more widely and focusing on issues of poverty. Looking at where there is potential for growth. One of the objectives for SIC goal plan is to have strategies for a safer campus. The article on sexual assault on campus helped with getting policy and spark discussion. For the rest of year the major project is the equity audit and it will give us some data to look at. I'll also be coordinating for the sexual assault with the working group. Overall, we've seen the internal commission get stronger. Going into next year, I'm placing a huge transition process for my successors. Moving forward, the SIC could definitely focus more on improving programming. Its time for us to improve the conversant that r going on around campus. This will help to expand learning opportunities.

President Cressman: Can you go into more detail about the equity audit?

Commissioner Wong: For example, asking questions on safe you feel in class, also questions around racism and sexism. It has to be qualitative to a degree. Another part of the audit is seeking direct opinions from group around campus involved in equity work and equity faculty representatives. Seeking their opinions and feedback. At the end of the day it's going to be some qualitative. Finding patterns in what people are saying.

Speaker: Thank you for putting up with me!

Motion to adjourn

Moved by: Claire Cathro

Seconded by: Carolyn Fisher

Motion carries

For: all

Against: 0

Assembly adjourns at 10:24pm.